

REMARKS

This paper is being presented in conjunction with the entry of the U.S. national phase.

Appended hereto are English-language translations of the international application (Appendix "A") and the annexes to the international preliminary examination report (i.e., the claims as amended under Article 34) (Appendix "B"). No fee is due.

Amendments to the specification have been made to identify the present international application, and an abstract has been added.

Claims 1-50 have been amended to omit multiple dependencies and to better conform the claims to U.S. format. Claims 51-60 have been added.

No new matter has been introduced by the foregoing amendments.

An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX "A"

ENGLISH-LANGUAGE TRANSLATION OF THE APPLICATION

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APPENDIX "B"

**ENGLISH-LANGUAGE TRANSLATION OF THE ANNEXES
TO THE INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT**